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President's Message

Well, another month has flown by and here we are in August, school will be starting and vacation times are coming to an end, maybe more people will be getting on the air. Speaking of vacation, I did make a little trip up to Sheridan, Arkansas between July 12 - 18 to see my Mom who I have not seen in over a year. I had a good visit with her and stayed at my brother's home during that time. It is about a 5 minute drive to the assisted living facility where Mom is staying. A really nice place with nice accommodations for the elderly folks, she will be 93 in December.

Let's get back to ham radio, we do have a couple of nice events scheduled for September and October. Starting September 8th & 9th, we will have the Special Event Station celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Louisiana becoming a State and 100th Anniversary of Adopting the State Flag. I don't know of any other clubs in the state celebrating this event, so this might be a "Big" one for us, a lot of our members have volunteered to help set up and operate. Check the September QST events page, K5LSA on QRZ or: <http://www.w5ddl.org/k5lsa/> for information.

Another big event is the "Tour du Teche Canoe / Kayak Race". This is a three day race down the Bayou Tech a 135 mile 3 stage race taking place October 5th thru 7th beginning in Arnaudville and ending at Berwick, LA. Members of the AARA will furnish communications during this event. See articles on page 2 of this issue of the LARC for more information. Sandy and Larry KE5KJF and KE5KJD will coordinate this event. Sandy has promised to give a talk at the August 2nd AARA General Meeting. Here are some of the "Tour du Teche" websites:

Home: <http://www.tourduteche.com/index.php/links>

Maps: <http://www.tourduteche.com/index.php/fine-print/maps>

Rules: <http://www.tourduteche.com/index.php/fine-print/rules>

I received word from Glen KF5FNP that Steve Irving WA5FKF, from the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Red Cross will give a talk at the August 2nd General Meeting on how we can get involved in helping the Red Cross provide communications during and after disasters. I don't have any other info at this time, but will try to keep you informed in the future.

I would like to see some of our club members submitting articles to Galen KF5BET (LARC Editor) to put in the newsletter, let us know what you have been doing in ham radio.

I am very sorry to hear that the Leesville Hamfest scheduled for October 11, 2012 has been cancelled, I know that a lot of folks were looking forward to making this one mainly just to meet some nice folks.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President

Executive Order Poses No Threat to the Amateur Radio Service

As reported by arrl.org

On July 6, 2012, the White House released an Executive Order that addresses National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) communications functions of the federal government. Contrary to some concerns raised in a few Amateur Radio circles, the Order does not appear to contain any threat to the Amateur Service or its ability to continue support communications during times of emergency or disaster. It also poses no threat to amateur spectrum.

"The purpose of the new entity, which would be created by this Order within the Executive Branch, appears to be to plan for future NS/EP communications and to insure survivability, hardness and interoperability, as well as to develop a long-term strategic plan for NS/EP communications," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Based on the Amateur Service's ongoing, positive working relationship with officials at the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications, it is hard to envision that any new management plan would not include Amateur Radio. Nothing in this Order directly affects Amateur Radio's daily operations."

**August AARA General Meeting will take place on August 2nd at 7:00 PM at the
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.
VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM**

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

ARCCLA Alexandria Hamfest
October 6, 2012

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Tour du Teche III Poster in New Iberia

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on katc.com

New Iberia, La.---- The Tour du Teche III commemorative poster will be displayed at Teche Federal Bank in New Iberia (1120 Jefferson Terrace Blvd.) from July 25 - August 1, 2012. Artist Michelle Fontenot unveiled her painting on July 11th at the bank's Breaux Bridge branch.

"The poster is the second poster commemorating the Tour du Teche commissioned by the TECHE Project," said Nicole Patin, Tour du Teche executive director.

"Michelle Fontenot created a beautiful piece of work to highlight the excitement surrounding our event and to provide necessary funds to carry out the TECHE Project mission. Blake Couvillion [president of the TECHE Project and director of Cajuns for Bayou Teche] and I were very excited to work with her and are very happy with the end result."

The artwork is currently exhibited at the bank's Opelousas branch (428 E. Landry St., Opelousas, LA 70570). After a week's stay in New Iberia, it will move to Franklin (August 1 - 8), Bayou Vista (August 8 - 15), and Morgan City (August 15 - 22).

"The Iberia Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau is a member of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Bayou Teche Corridor, a marketing consortium promoting recreation on the bayou and its environs in the parishes of St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary," said Fran Thibodeaux, Iberia Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau executive director. "The poster is an excellent marketing tool to promote preservation efforts of the bayou."

Tour du Teche, a 135-mile three-day, three-stage canoe and kayak race on Bayou Teche, will be held on October 5 - 7, 2012. In its third year, its goal is to promote outdoor recreation along the Bayou Teche Corridor. The poster costs \$25. Proceeds will benefit the TECHE Project and Cajuns for Bayou Teche in their effort to clean up, improve, and educate on Bayou Teche. Order forms for the poster are available on both Tour du Teche (www.tourduteche.com) and TECHE Project (www.techeproject.com) websites.

For more information on Tour du Teche, contact Nicole Patin, 337-394-6232, info@tourduteche.com

Find the complete Iberia Parish calendar of events at www.iberiatravel.com and follow us on Like us on Facebook Follow us on Twitter View our videos on YouTube.

The Iberia Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official parish marketing agency promoting New Iberia, Avery Island, Jefferson Island, Jeanerette, Loreauville and Delcambre as a destination. Marketing programs target leisure travelers, business travelers, media, entertainment industry, and the travel trade including group tour planners, meeting planners, sports planners and special event planners. The bureau operates a parish welcome center located at 2513 Hwy 14 in New Iberia.

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD will be the coordinators for communications for the AARA involvement with the Tour du Teche Canoe Race on October 5 - 7, 2012. Sandy will do a presentation at the August 2nd AARA General Meeting. I am sure she will be asking for volunteers and assigning positions for those who wish to take part in this event. Come to the meeting and hear what it is all about!



OCTOBER 5th - 7th, 2012



www.arri.org

AARA Field Day - 2012



Downtown Lafayette
June 23 & 24, 2012



Part II - Continued from July LARC



Bill Vincent - Director of the Lafayette Parish EOC, loaned our club the use of their Lafayette Parish Mobile Command Post for our Field Day, shown above are Glen KF5FNP (FD Chairman) and Galen KF5BET operating the equipment. Below shows Abbi KF5BEW and Kendra KF5FYS and Dad Galen operating from the Mobile Command Post. A very nice gesture from Bill and Lafayette Parish.



↑ Team erecting the Force 12 beam on the crank-up tower located on our club trailer. This was used on the transceiver located in the AMOS van.

As we promised in the July LARC, here are some more of our Field Day pictures and a little about our FD activities.

Part of the agenda for our Field Day Exercise was to build a NVIS dipole antenna from a box of parts donated by Keith K5UFO, make contact with the Lake Charles NWS, the GOSEP Office and Red Cross in Baton Rouge and pass traffic on 75 and 40 meters. Part of this was accomplished! Another task was to establish a 2 meter simplex link with the above stations. The

NWS in Lake Charles station connection could not be made, however we succeeded to make contact with the GOSEP station in Baton Rouge after much difficulty, only then by using a directional antenna on top of the Chase Tower (highest building in Lafayette).

The AARA would like to thank Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (FD Chairperson), Ed Roy WA5TNK and Bill Vincent, Director of the Lafayette Parish EOC for all the work they put into making this a vital training exercise for all that took part. A link to a Adobe Acrobat PDF file with a detailed outline of our FD along with all the "DRILL" E-mails can be found at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/files/FD2012senario.pdf>



Here are some shots of the guys on top of the Chase Tower Building in downtown Lafayette trying to shoot a 2 meter simplex connection to the GOSHEP in Baton Rouge and the NWS in Lake Charles. Dave N4ELM is shown holding the 2 meter yagi.

Refreshment time and a chance to find some relief from the summer heat.....boy it was HOT on the paved parking lot!

JULY 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES (Edited)

JULY 05, 2012

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 27 members in attendance and 2 visitors. The visitors were: James Williams and Sharon Almanza.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during July.
- Herman Campbell, President, KN5GRK, thanked Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, for coordinating our 2012 Field Day. He also thanked Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF for helping with the antennas and providing food for the event. Jess Gillion KF5LUL was thanked for the work he and his crew did on detailing AMOS.

Minutes: The June minutes were not read as they were posted in the July LARC – accepted as written. On motion by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE the Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Breau N5RLM gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Wayne Thibodeaux AF5EJ spoke about the Children's Museum Camp. The students were taught about electricity, how to solder and actually build an oatmeal box radio. There was some discussion about a website for the children to use.

AMOS - Jess Gillion KF5LUL and his crew detailed AMOS. It looks great. Jess said that the tires look good to go for another year. AMOS will need work on the lights and an inspection. Money is already in the budget to fix AMOS. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD ordered the antenna tuner and the batteries for the radios in AMOS. They were here in time for Field Day.

Repeaters - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, is going to spray for the weeds around the repeater. **SPECIAL EVENT:** We will have a Special Event honoring the 200th Birthday of Louisiana becoming a State and 100th Birthday of the Louisiana Flag being approved.

The event will be September 8th - 9th at the Lafayette Tourist Center. Gerald Breau said that we can set up on the porch. We will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will work the 20 meter band, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will work the 40 meter band and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the 20 meter and 80 meter bands. There will be security there from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. We will need someone to stay overnight.

We will have the information on the website, QRZ link to the website, and a listing in QST.

FIELD DAY: Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Field Day Chairman, gave a report on Field Day. Glen had asked Bill Vincent, Lafayette Parish EOC Director, what his biggest fear was in relation to communications. Bill mentioned that it would be not being able to communicate with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness (GOSEP) in Baton Rouge during a hurricane or other disaster. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP decided to make that the focus of our Field Day activities this year.

On Friday before Field Day Bill Vincent had one of the Lafayette Parish Mobile Command Post busses brought to the Court House for our use. It had air conditioning, many radios, computers, and a bathroom.

Saturday morning we had an exercise in making an antenna. Glen dumped a cardboard box of wire, tangled cord and other items in front of us and mentioned we needed to make an antenna to reach the National Weather Station in Lake Charles, GOSEP and Red Cross in Baton Rouge and the National Hurricane Center in Florida. Everyone helped. Glen asked if anyone had a tape measure on their person. We had some across the street, but not on our person. Glen took out a \$1 bill and said that a \$1 bill is 6 inches long. That was how we measured the length of wire for the antenna. The women untangled the cording, to be used to hoist the antenna. Everyone helped and learned. Larry helped tune the antenna.

We were about 50% successful. Now we know what we have to work on for the future.

After our antenna making exercise, everyone set up their radios and antennas. Some of the places reached were Hawaii, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia.

With the scrap antenna we received as far as Georgia and Texas. We had antennas of every shape and size from long wires hanging from the roof of the parking tower, some from the ground to the 3rd floor of the parking garage, and others being strung up the flag poles.

Nick KE5MWX and Paula KF5CNS Romero really had a nice compact "Go Box" set-up for their radio.

Ed Roy WA5TNK (Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator), mentioned that Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP and Wayne Thibodeaux AF5EJ had been asked to be Assistant Emergency Coordinators for our area. Ed also mentioned that one of the objectives is to grow an organization of assets for future disasters. The EOC is looking to form 3 teams of 8 people who would be trained as "EOC Communication Specialists". They would receive ID cards and credentials to be able to help at the EOC, hospitals, and shelters.

Ed Roy WA5TNK mentioned that these individuals could also receive initial damage assessment training.

Larry KE5KJD and Sandy KE5KJF LeBlanc will be coordinators for communications for the Tour du Teche Canoe Race on October 5 – 7, 2012. Sandy will give an update at the August meeting. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP would like the 1st checkpoint in Arnaudville.

We need a chairperson for the following events:

Cajun ½ Marathon

Cajun Cup 10K Run in November

On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

2 Meter ARES Nets

Available via EchoLink

St. Mary ARES Net - Sunday 7:30 pm on the W5BMC-R Node 507010 in Morgan City, LA.

Vernon Parish ARES Net - 8:00 pm Monday on the W5LSV-R Node 91260 in Leesville, LA

TEN-TEN INTERNATIONAL QSO Party Summer Phone Contest - August 4-5, 2012

For those who like to work 10 meters, this is a really big chance to get in there and make some contacts, you don't have to be a 10-10 Member.

<http://www.ten-ten.org/>

JULY 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	33	2	81	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	68	0	114	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	28	0	86	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	17	0	63	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	8M / 5G	1	18	KE5KJD Larry

"To penetrate and dissipate these clouds of darkness, the general mind must be strengthened by education."
-Thomas Jefferson



Heathkit Declares Bankruptcy, Closes for Good (Again)

The July 19 edition of The Herald-Palladium -- a newspaper serving the communities of Benton Harbor and St Joseph, Michigan -- is reporting that Heathkit Education Company has declared bankruptcy and has officially closed its doors after defaulting on its lease. According to the paper, Heathkit employed more than 1800 people in its heyday after World War II; when it finally closed, its workforce totaled fewer than six people. This is the second time since 1992 that Heathkit Educational Services has shuttered its doors. In August 2011, Heathkit announced it was returning to the kit building business, and in September, that it would once again be manufacturing Amateur Radio kits.

Heathkit owner Don Desrochers told the newspaper that he has filed for bankruptcy and a bank now owns what's left of Heathkit; the bank is disposing of some items via online auctions. "The situation was purely one of the economy," he explained in the article.

For the full article go to arrl.org/news



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/7	JACKIE	KF5PCH
8/9	GLEN	KF5FNP
8/12	ROBERT	KE5WZK
8/12	ELMER	KF5NFG
8/19	DAVID	KD0BZO
8/23	PAULA	KF5CNS
8/24	ESTHER	N5YOP
8/27	PHOEBE	KC5VRN
9/6	NATHAN	KD5IQW

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

August 2012 Special Events & Contests

August 4-5	Annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival, W8AL. Canton Amateur Radio Club. Canton, OH 28.365, 21.365, 14.265, 7.265
August 7-8	National Lighthouse Day, W2H. Southern Counties Emergency Radio Network and the 1900 Contest Club, Wildwood, NJ 14.260, 7.190
August 12-14	The Navajo Code Talker, N7C. Navajo Amateur Radio Club, Window Rock, AZ 14.265, 7.240
August 18-19	International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, KC2YYL. Niagara County Amateur Radio Events Services Station, Youngstown, NY 40m
August 25	National Park Services Anniversary, W7SVD. Sierra Vista Contesting Club, Coronado National Memorial, AZ SSB: 28.350, 21.285, 14.275. CW: 28.050, 21.050, 14.050. PSK31: 28.120, 21.070, 14.070

Refer to the August issue of QST (page 95, 96) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

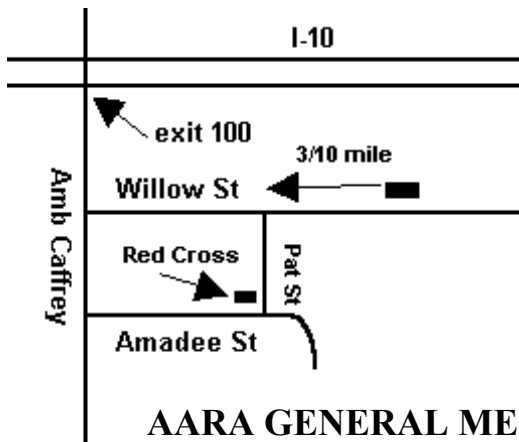
WCLARC Hamfest Leesville, Louisiana CANCELLED

The annual 2012 West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club Hamfest scheduled for August 11, 2012 in Leesville, Louisiana has been cancelled.

Josie Jacobs W5JPJ (Hamfest Chairperson).

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday August 2nd, 2012 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Paul's Ribs (To Die For)

Paul Scallan K5VSH

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 rack Spare or Baby Back Ribs | 1 tsp Onion powder |
| 1/2 cup Brown sugar | 1 tsp Garlic powder |
| 1 tsp Chili powder | 1 tsp Tony's Creole seasoning |
| 1 tsp Paprika | 1 cup Honey |
| 2 tbsp Old Bay Seasoning | 1 1/2 cups BBQ sauce (your favorite) |
| | 1/4 cup White vinegar |

Remove excess fat and connective tissue between ribs.

Coat both sides of ribs with the above mixture. Marinate for 1 hour or overnight. Place ribs on a large, Pam sprayed, baking sheet with sides. Cover with foil and bake at 350 Deg. F for 2 to 2-1/2 Hours or until meat is very tender and the bones pull out of the meat easily. Turn ribs once or twice during baking and baste.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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